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**Commonwealth Electric Company, Fisk Street
Electric Generating Station**
(Commonwealth Edison Company, Fisk Street
Electric Generating Station)
1111 West Cermak Avenue
Chicago, Cook County
Illinois

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- IL-105-1 GENERAL VIEW OF FISK STREET ELECTRIC GENERATING
STATION COMPLEX, LOOKING SOUTH; IN THE CENTER,
BEHIND THE STACK IS THE GENERATING STATION BUILT
IN 1959; THE TALL METAL-CLAD BUILDING CONTAINS A
COAL BUNKER, COAL PULVERIZER, FURNACE, BOILER,
SUPER-HEATER, STEAM PIPES, AND HOT-AIR DUCTS. TO
THE RIGHT OF THIS 1959 GENERATING STATION IS THE
ORIGINAL POWERHOUSE.
- IL-105-2 GENERAL VIEW OF COMPLEX, LOOKING SOUTHEAST; TO THE
LEFT IS THE TRANSMISSION TERMINAL.
- IL-105-3 GENERAL VIEW OF COMPLEX, LOOKING SOUTHWEST,
SHOWING THE 1959 GENERATING STATION.
- IL-105-4 GENERAL VIEW OF COMPLEX, LOOKING NORTH, SHOWING
COAL DOCK AND COAL CONVEYOR INTO THE 1959
GENERATING STATION; BELOW THE CONVEYOR IS A
REMNANT OF THE ORIGINAL (1903) BOILER HOUSE, A
SINGLE WALL WITH A LARGE ARCHED WINDOW.
- IL-105-5 DETAIL OF COAL CONVEYOR, LOOKING NORTH.
- IL-105-6 VIEW OF BARGE SLIP (CALLED MASON'S CANAL, WHICH
EXTENDS OFF THE SOUTH BRANCH OF THE CHICAGO RIVER)
AND COAL DOCK; TO THE RIGHT IS THE EAST FACADE OF
THE 1959 GENERATING STATION. LOOKING SOUTHWEST.
- IL-105-7 VIEW OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT, ADJACENT TO THE
COAL CONVEYOR; IN THE DISTANCE IS THE FREQUENCY
CHANGER HOUSE, WHICH IS ATTACHED TO SWITCH HOUSE
NO. 1; LOOKING WEST.
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STREET POWERHOUSE, THE GENERATING ROOM, LOOKING
SOUTH.
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GENERATING ROOM, LOOKING SOUTHEAST.

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IL-105-10 NORTH AND EAST FACADES OF SWITCH HOUSE NO. 1,
BUILT IN 1920; TO THE LEFT IS THE ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING. LOOKING SOUTHWEST.

IL-105-11 EAST FACADE OF SWITCH HOUSE NO. 2, BUILT IN 1940.
LOOKING WEST

IL-105-12 NORTH AND WEST FACADES OF THE ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING; LOOKING SOUTHEAST.

IL-105-13 EAST FACADE OF THE FREQUENCY CHANGER HOUSE. IT
WAS IN THIS BUILDING THAT 60 CYCLE AC POWER WAS
CONVERTED TO 25 CYCLE DC POWER FOR USE IN
CHICAGO'S TRANSIT SYSTEM; THE FREQUENCY CHANGER
HOUSE IS PRESENTLY USED FOR STORAGE. LOOKING
WEST.

IL-105-14 INTERIOR OF 1903 POWERHOUSE SHOWING TURBINE-
GENERATOR UNIT NO. 18, MANUFACTURED BY GENERAL
ELECTRIC IN 1949 AND RATED AT 150 MEGAWATTS. IT
WAS RETIRED FROM SERVICE SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

IL-105-15 INTERIOR OF 1903 POWERHOUSE SHOWING TURBINE-
GENERATOR UNIT NO. 18.

IL-105-16 INTERIOR OF 1903 POWERHOUSE SHOWING TURBINE-
GENERATOR UNIT NO. 18.

IL-105-17 DETAIL OF TURBINE OF TURBINE-GENERATOR UNIT NO.
18.

IL-105-18 VIEW OF TURBINE-GENERATOR UNIT NO. 19,
MANUFACTURED BY GENERAL ELECTRIC IN 1959 AND RATED
AT 342 MEGAWATTS; IT REMAINS IN OPERATION. THIS
VIEW IS INSIDE THE GENERATING STATION OF 1959.

IL-105-19 VIEW OF UNIT NO. 19 INSIDE GENERATING STATION OF
1959.

IL-105-20 SOUTH AND EAST FACADES OF MAINTENANCE SHOP,
LOOKING NORTHWEST.